

# Franciscan Health System

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Dear Ms. Sigman:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, Franciscan Health System provides this notice of our intent to increase licensed acute care bed capacity by 36 beds at St. Francis Hospital (SFH). We also propose to establish a Level II nursery. Currently, SFH is a 110 bed hospital located in Federal Way, in the Southeast King Hospital Planning Area. In conformance with WAC, the following information is provided:

1. A Description of the Extent of Services Proposed:

FHS proposes to increase the acute care licensed bed capacity of SFH. The additional beds will be general medical/surgical beds. Upon project completion, SFH's licensed bed capacity will increase from 110 to 146.

Additionally, and as noted above, SFH also proposes to establish a Level II nursery.

2. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project:

The bed addition and the Level II nursery are components of a larger expansion project that will result in new and expanded emergency, surgical, diagnostic imaging and patient care support areas to address the rapidly growing Federal Way community. The capital cost of the CN reviewable portion of the project is estimated to be \$27.4 million.

3. Description of the Service Area:

SFH is located within the Southeast King Hospital Planning Area. However, our specific service area is that region of Southeast King located west of I-5. Additionally, and due to existing travel patterns, we count Browns Point as part of our service area. Browns Point is technically located within the Central Pierce Hospital Planning Area.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. Please contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,



Syd Bersante  
Chief Operating Officer  
St. Francis Hospital